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The Honorable Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
The Secretary of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Joe:

I was most pleased to receive your letter concerning alcoholism and the copy of your speech to the National Council on Alcoholism. This agency supports your efforts to develop programs of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation for drug abuse and alcohol-related problems.

The Agency, through the Office of Medical Services, has for many years offered its employees an in-house employee counseling service to assist those employees who desire help in dealing with alcohol-related or any other personal problems. Since becoming Director, I have evaluated the program and have taken steps to enhance and strengthen this activity.

I thank you for your kind offer of assistance from the Office of Personnel Management and the Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Your interest and dedication in combating alcoholism and alcohol abuse is commendable and I wish you every success.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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